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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, a response to which is due April 17, 2003, reconsideration is respectfully requested. This Amendment and Response is being filed by the two month date of March 17, 2003, and the Response is believed to be filed under the two-month rule. The Amendment is deemed proper as it places the application in allowable condition or better form for appeal.

Please amend the applications as follows: